Learning Collaborative: Improving Quality and Access to Care in Maternal and Child Health
Westminster, CO
June 15-17, 2016

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AIM: Alliance for Innovation in Maternal and Child Health
Focus areas:
• Continuity of coverage and care for pregnant women and children
• Improve systems of care for children & youth with special health care needs
• Bright Futures (guidelines) for all children
Partner Organizations

- AMCHP: Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
- ASTHO: Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- AAP: American Academy of Pediatrics
- NASHP: National Academy for State Health Policy
- NCSL: National Conference of State Legislatures
- NGA: National Governors Association

Participating Jurisdictions

- American Samoa: Territory
- Colorado: State
- Minnesota: State
- Montana: State
- North Dakota: State
- South Dakota: State
- Utah: State
- Wyoming: State
Meeting Goals

- To share best practices in improving quality and access to care in maternal and child health (MCH), especially in three focus areas:
  - continuity of coverage and care;
  - improving systems of care for children and youth with special health care needs; and
  - implementing Bright Futures guidelines as a standard of care for all children.

- To convene state teams of key health policymakers to learn about state strategies for improving quality and access to care in MCH.

- To give state teams the opportunity to discuss and identify priorities related to improving quality and access to care in MCH.

- To facilitate development of collaborative action plans related to each state team’s identified priorities, which will include outlines of next steps and implementation timelines.

Legislators Are Generalists

Dozens of major topics: A to Z

- Agriculture
- Corrections
- Education
- **Health**
- Housing
- Human Services
- Labor
- Transportation
- Zoning . . .

Hundreds of bills

Can’t be experts in all
Health Issues by the Dozens

“My seatmate told me this was a bad bill. I was going to vote no on it until I realized it was my own bill.”
Former CO Sen. Ray Powers

“Going through all this information we have here is kind of like trying to drink from a fire hydrant.”
Former CO Rep. Mark Paschall
Health Policy Decisions Remain Among Top State Issues

- On average, about **30%** of state budgets are allocated to health services.
- The largest share goes to **Medicaid**, which accounts for about **75%** of health spending.

Births Financed by Medicaid

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<th>Location</th>
<th>Births Financed by Medicaid</th>
<th>Total Births</th>
<th>% Births Financed by Medicaid</th>
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<td>United States</td>
<td>1,805,151</td>
<td>4,018,554</td>
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<td>Colorado</td>
<td>24,431</td>
<td>66,349</td>
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<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>29,983</td>
<td>68,407</td>
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<td>4,225</td>
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<td>2,594</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td>15,911</td>
<td>51,925</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>2,892</td>
<td>7,541</td>
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Footnotes:
1. United States totals include Puerto Rico, but exclude regions where no data was available.
4. Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Utah and the District of Columbia adopted the 2003 birth certificate in the middle of our data collection period, either in 2009 or 2010, thus producing inconsistencies in the data within a state over time as the questions changed.
5. Utah provided resident data in state only.
Newborn hospital costs*

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<th>Healthy Baby</th>
<th>Low Birthweight &lt;5 lbs.</th>
<th>Very LBW &lt;3 lbs.</th>
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<td>$12,346</td>
<td>$114,676</td>
<td>$323,496</td>
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<td>127,346 x 5,342 = $612,599,192</td>
<td>336,934 x 934 = $302,145,264</td>
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*2012: Washington State Department of Health, Dr. Maxine Hayes

Low Weight Baby Births

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<th>Nationwide ranking</th>
<th>Percentage of infants weighing less than 2500 grams (5 pounds, 8 ounces) at birth.</th>
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<td>40</td>
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Opportunities

- Think outside the box
  - What is government’s role?
  - Private sector?
  - Individuals?
  - Other partners?
- Feel empowered to contribute
- Learn from each other
- Have FUN!

Maternal and Child Health Learning Collaborative
Timeline of Activities

- **Kick-Off Meeting and Launch of Learning Collaborative:** June 15-17, 2016
- **In-state TA visits**
- **States Submit Learning Collaborative Final Strategic Action Plan and Date of In-State Workshop to NCSL:** July 15, 2016
- **States check in on progress with Facilitator and NCSL prior to 2017 legislative session (date TBD):**
- **Evaluate ongoing TA needs:** March 2017
- **Facilitators work with states to finalize action plans and provide feedback as needed**
- **States participate in monthly calls with team members:** July 2016-May 2017
- **Project Evaluation:** March 2017

Timeline:

- **2016**
  - June 15-17, 2016
  - July 2016
  - August 2016
  - September 2016
  - October 2016
  - November 2016
  - December 2016

- **2017**
  - January
  - February
  - March
  - April
  - May

- **2016-2017:** Ongoing TA
Plenary Sessions

- State Strategies for Increasing Continuity of Coverage and Care for Pregnant Women and Children
- Improving Systems of Care for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)
- Implementing Bright Futures for All Children
- Opportunities for Family Engagement in Policy Decision-Making
- Team Reports

Team Meetings

Today
- 3:30 - 4:45 pm: Get to know each other better and identify your priorities

Thursday
- 9:45 - 11:00 am: Identify challenges and unmet needs related to continuity of care
- 1:30 - 2:45 pm: Identify challenges and unmet needs related to children and youth with special health care needs (CYSHCN)
- 4:15 - 5:30 am: Identify challenges and unmet needs related to Bright Futures

Friday
- 10:00 - 11:30 am: States finalize action plans and plan for follow-up activities
- 11:30 am - 1:00 pm: Teams Report
Team Benefits

Opportunities to ...

- Participate in dialogue and strategic planning with other key decision-makers
- Share your expertise
- Learn from others’ expertise
- Build relationships

What was the most useful aspect of the meeting?
Comments from past participants...

- "It allowed our state delegation to list, discuss/debate and develop plans to work on specific (targeted) goals, considering the politics of our state and with our fiscal restraints and resources."
- "Learning from other states. Excellent speakers - all timely subjects, much to think about and move forward."
- "Recognizing the need for developing a process to further strategic planning for health care."
- "The opportunity to meet as a state group and as an "intent" group to network, brainstorm, dialogue, etc."
Success Story Examples

- **Colorado** expanded Medicaid oral health coverage for pregnant women & improved outreach for kids.
- **Kansas** expanded its newborn screening program.
- **Kentucky** team members conducted their own Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Kentucky Health Summit back home.
- **Iowa** passed legislation to create a patient-centered medical home system and expanded Medicaid for infants.

Expect Follow Up

Reconvene our Team in ~3 weeks to plan for next meeting & other follow up

Go Team!!